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# Rapid River News!

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From L.R.B.O.I.



(The following information comes from a weekly update supplied to the Ogema concerning the tribal government, local communities and issues that affect overall tribal business.)



P.2-FROM THE OGEMA'S OFFICE/  
COMMERCE

## Slate of Candidates Announced by the Election Commission. See the announcement attached



P.3-HEALTH CLINIC/  
FAMILY SERVICES

## Election Calendar/Voter Registration

Please note the calendar and announcement from the Election Board in the Rapid River News concerning the upcoming tribal election.



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RESOURCES



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## Special Election announced

The Election Commission has announced that due to an unexpected resignation a special election will have to be held to fill a position on the Election Commission. Details on the special election have been mailed to all tribal citizen voters and will appear in the *Currents*.

### ALL TRIBAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS

DECEMBER 24, 2010 - JANUARY 2, 2011  
OFFICES WILL REOPEN ON JANUARY 3RD

PLEASE PLAN AHEAD AND CHECK YOUR PRESCRIPTION BOTTLES TO ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE ENOUGH REFILLS SO THAT YOU DO NOT RUN OUT OF MEDICATIONS. IF YOU HAVE NO REFILLS ON YOUR PRESCRIPTIONS PLEASE CONTACT THE HEALTH CLINIC FOR REFILLS PRIOR TO DECEMBER 22, 2010. THIS WILL ALLOW STAFF THE NECESSARY TIME NEEDED TO CALL IN YOUR PRESCRIPTIONS.

PLEASE ALSO CONTACT YOUR CHS SPECIALIST IN ADVANCE FOR ANY PURCHASE ORDERS YOU MAY NEED FAXED DURING THE TIME WE WILL BE CLOSED SO THEY CAN BE FAXED IN ADVANCE.

THANK YOU AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!!

## Warriors Society Updates

The Warrior Society has several announcements:

- They wish to acknowledge tribal descendents currently serving in a combat zone as well as tribal citizens from LRBOI. Please contact the Warrior Society with your information.
- The new Warriors Society Ordinance is on the approved Ordinances website, under chapter 700, Title 09 [www.lrboi.com](http://www.lrboi.com)
- Next meeting is January 8th at the Aki Maadiziwin Community Center

## Muskegon Project

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (LRBOI) has announced the launch of a website, *Muskegon Jobs Now*, viewable and searchable at <http://muskegonjobsnow.com>. The new website provides a comprehensive overview of the economic benefits that a proposed casino at the former Great Lakes Downs racetrack in Fruitport Township would provide the residents of Muskegon County and the state of Michigan. In addition, the website provides supporters an opportunity to check on the status of the project and contact legislators.

## Work Search Computer!

The Commerce Department's Workforce Development Program has had a computer installed for job search and career-related activities at the Commerce Dept., 294 River Street. The computer may be used by any Tribal Citizen or Descendant and they must be signed up with the Workforce Development Program. The department also maintains a hard copy Job Postings Book at the workstation for all job postings through Tribal Government and LRCR, as well as other job resource information.

## Trading Post logowear!

We are proud to announce that our logo apparel is now available online. You may go to [www.baysupplyinc.com](http://www.baysupplyinc.com) and on the left side of the page click on Little River Trading Post and place your order. Payment is via Credit Card and your order will be shipped directly to your door step. Also check back we are always adding new things to order. Thank you and Happy Holidays from all of us at the Trading Post.

## Opportunity for Training

### Attention!!!

The tribal government recently created a partnership with Occidental Chemical Corporation in Ludington, Michigan to identify those Tribal members that may be seeking current opportunities and up to 40 new positions by the year 2014 in the Maintenance profession with welding and electrical backgrounds.

We will be working closely with workforce development to identify those parties who are interested in obtaining the required training and schooling to get into their apprenticeship programs and other training in welding and electrical through schools such as West Shore Community College and other certification institutions.

If you know of anybody interested in pursuing this career opportunity or who may be qualified for the current position, please forward their resume and information to our HR department or Dave Hawley in workforce development. If any individual needs more information or needs help in formatting a resume, our Workforce Development department will assist in that process.

## Kateri Circle

*"And that, I guess, is what it all boils down to; do the right thing, everything goes fine; do the wrong thing, everything's a mess."*

Robert Spott, YUROC

The Elders say every person is born with free will and every person has a specific purpose to accomplish during their lifetime. When our life is relatively free from obstacles we are walking the path of God's will. If our life is full of obstacles, we are not doing the will of God. Often, the Great Spirit guides us through a system of coincidences. We need to pay attention to coincidences. If we are aware of these, we often can recognize the path which God is showing us. We need to pray and ask Him to show us the path in terms we can understand

*Oh, Great Mystery, let me recognize the coincidences*

### Commissions/Committees:

The following commissions have current openings.

Gaming Commission	2 openings
Health Commission	2 openings
Binojeeuk	1 opening
LRCR Board	1 opening for an elected official

All other commission seats available have been filled.

## HIS & HERS GOOD FELLOWSHIP AA GROUP

has been moved to the Aki Community Center at 2953 Shaw Be Quo-Ung, Manistee. That is at the corner of Dontz Rd. and Shaw Be Quo-Ung (Aki Housing area). The group still meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday evening.



## Wii Bowling for Elders

The CHRs from Tribal Health are holding *Wii* bowling for the Elders at the Community Center on Wednesday afternoons at 1 p.m. The fun game is really taking off and they hope to add more days as more and more people sign up. For more information, contact your CHR or Tribal Health.

## Come Join the Diabetes Talking Circle

- Learn:
- Myths about diabetes
- Diabetes prevention
- Diabetes risk factors
- Types of diabetes
- Eating healthy, dietary guidelines
- Reading food labels and shopping for healthy foods
- Healthy food preparation
- Traditional foods
- Routine medical care

This group can help support your desire to change your eating habits/diet, support a family member with diabetes, and assist you in making changes to be healthier. Tuesday 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. at the Tribal Health Clinic or Wednesday 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Aki Community Center. Classes run for 12 weeks. For more information or to sign up for a class contact Holly Davis RN, MSN Diabetes Educator/Community Health Nurse 231-398-6610 or Teresa Johnson Community Health Representative at 231-398-6629.

## Family Services

### Domestic Violence Advisory Committee

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Family Services, Domestic Violence Program invites native women to help form and serve on an advisory committee to help address the issues and barriers for women who may be in an abusive relationship or are trying to seek help to get out of an abusive relationship. The advisory committee will address domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking.

Domestic violence affects each of our lives. It extends to all socioeconomic groups, ethnicities, and genders. If you feel that it has surpassed you, look closely in your workplace, neighborhood or church congregation.

Violence against Native women is a substantial public health problem today. In the largest ever survey of its kind, the 2008 CDC report on health and violence found that 39% of Native women surveyed identified as victims of intimate partner violence (IPV) in their lifetime, a rate higher than any other race or ethnicity surveyed. During a three year span, homicide was the third leading cause of death for Native women. Of the Native women murdered 75% were killed by a family member, an acquaintance, or someone they knew. Lastly, 17% of Alaskan Native and American Indian women will be stalked during their lifetime. (Brenda Hill, SDCADVSA).

#### Who should serve on an advisory committee?

**Survivors:** Women who are survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence or stalking can draw on their personal experience to identify the gaps in service in our community. They can also help identify gaps in services or barriers to victims trying to access services in our community.

**Victim Advocates:** Women who have a history of providing assistance to American Indian or Alaskan Native Women who are victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence or stalking.

**Women who are committed to ending violence against women:** Must have a willingness to participate in education and training to increase your understanding of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking.

**This Volunteer opportunity requires that you be willing and able to meet together on a regular basis to discuss issues related to violence against women in our communities.**

Please call Angie McNally, Family Services, Domestic Violence Program Coordinator 231-398-6723

## All Singers & Drummers

If you are interested in learning about our tribal songs and drumming, a group has formed to practice on Wednesdays. Please feel free to call Bill Memberto at 398-6728 regarding this effort.



## Kateri Circle

**Muskegon Four Season's Kateri Circle Gathering for 2010**  
**Dates and Times for coming events—Patti Wlodkowski 755-4865**

**Christmas Gathering Dec.19, 11 am – 4 pm**

**Times for the Gatherings held at**

**ST. Thomas Hall 3252 Apple Ave. Muskegon, Michigan  
{ M-46 }**

**The Time for the Summer Gathering will be 10:30 am to 3 pm**  
**Which will be held at Krause Park { End of Sherman blvd. }**  
**For all gatherings it is requested that those attending the**  
**POTLUCK bring a dish to pass ....**

**We try to eat at noon for all gatherings**

**For Easter –Halloween and Christmas gatherings we would**  
**like donations of candy so we can make up goodies bags for the**  
**children, with the extra going to everyone**

**Any person who wishes to sell their hand made items at our**  
**gatherings is welcome to do so , but you are responsible for**  
**your own items.....**

**If you would like to volunteer we always need help on set up**  
**and clean up**

**Four Season's Kateri Circle Leader**

**Patti Wlodkowski -755-4865- Musk**

**Debra Gutowski - Director**

**Native American Ministry**

**360 Division Ave. S**

**Grand Rapids, Michigan – 616-514-6065**

### • **Youth Build Program:**

The Manistee Youthbuild program is now taking applications for the 2011 term which will begin the first week of February 2011. The program is open to young adults between the ages of 18 and 24 who are lacking a diploma or GED and who would like to learn the building trades. Participants who complete the program successfully will earn their GED, their NCEER construction certification, their OSHA safety training certification, and will be involved in workplace readiness and leadership activities.

This session will accept 24 participants. Applications are available at the Manistee Michigan Works office. Completed applications should be returned to Cheryl Bendig, Youth Advisor at the Manistee Michigan Works office, in person, via fax (723-4610) or via mail. Her mailing address is Michigan Works, 1660 US 31 South, Manistee, MI 49660.

If anyone would like more information about the program, please have them contact Cheryl at 231-398-3162 or the Youthbuild office at 231-887-4448. This website <http://www.nwm.org/youthbuild.asp> contains information and videos about some of the projects the Manistee Youthbuild group has been involved in.

## MITW Reminder

If you are applying for the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver you will be denied by the Michigan Civil Rights Department if you do not include a copy of your Michigan Driver's License (or State of Michigan ID) and your Tribal ID card. Make sure you include it with your application.

## Tutoring Assistance

Where: LRBOI Old Community Center

Dates: Every Wednesday - October 6<sup>th</sup> – December 8<sup>th</sup>

Time: 2pm - 6pm(ish)

Contact: Santana Aker – Education Youth Assistant

Phone: (231) 398-6654

Email: [Saker@lrboi.com](mailto:Saker@lrboi.com)

- Walk-ins welcome – Appointments preferred

- The tutoring is available to any student finding they need help in any subject area. I have a strong knowledge base of most subjects, but my emphasis areas are in Social Studies/History and English.

- If you need assistance in any other education related task, such as organization, time management, etc. These are areas that I can also assist in helping.

- I am available to college students, but the time reserved for them is between 2pm – 3:30pm, which is before high school students are out of school.

## Black Lake Sturgeon Spearing in February

The Natural Resources Commission will be authorizing sturgeon spearing in Black Lake (Cheboygan County) for this February. Spearing will take place through the ice. A date for harvest has not been determined but the spearing opportunity will be taking place in early February. If you are interested in an opportunity to harvest a sturgeon please contact the LRBOI Natural Resource Department (231-723-1594) and we can give you more information about the harvest and permitting details. Also, the Department can provide you with information and phone numbers about renting ice shanties while on Black Lake.

## Hunters, fishers and gatherers

We invite you to send us your 2010 hunting, fishing and gathering success pictures via Email, Post Office or to simply drop them off at the department. You are also welcome to add a story which may also make its way to the Currents if you'd like. We add all submissions to our Wall of successful hunters, fishers and gathers and would proudly like to add yours.

Email: [bharnish@lrboi.com](mailto:bharnish@lrboi.com)

Address: LRBOI Natural Resource Department

Atten: Bonnie Harnish

375 River Street

Manistee, MI 49660

# Court News

This information is subject to change without prior notice. Updated:12/1/10 If you are interested in a hearing, please call the Tribal Court office (231-398-3406) the day before to confirm the schedule.

CO - Cora Offense/Conservation  
DM - Divorce with children  
EB - Election Board Appeal  
FSJ - Foreign Support Judgment  
GM - Guardianship of Minor  
JV - Juvenile  
NC - Name Change  
TA - Trust Access

CS - Child Support  
DO - Divorce w/o children  
EM - Emancipation of Minor  
GA - Gaming Appeal  
GR - Employment Matter  
LT - Landlord Tenant  
PF - Probate  
TM - Tribal Misdemeanor

CT - Civil Ticket  
EA - Enrollment Appeal  
FJ - Foreign Judgment  
GC - General Civil  
JC - Judicial Complaint  
NA - Neglect Abuse  
PPO - Personal Protection Order  
WC - Workmen's Compensation

## Friday, December 17, 2010; Appellate Justices

•10:00 a.m. Tribe v. Stone - 10178AP Oral Arguments

## Friday, December 17, 2010; Judge Sherigan

•01:00 p.m. Montney v. Tribe - 09241FJ Motion Hearing  
•01:45 p.m. Adoption Hearing - 10274AM Closed Hearing  
•03:00 p.m. Juvenile Delinquent - 0271JV Closed Hearing

## Monday, December 20, 2010; Judge Bailey

•09:00 a.m. Klein, T. - 10191NC Name Change  
•09:30 a.m. Bower, B. v. Tribe - 10272WC Settlement  
•10:00 a.m. Fox v. Fox - 10222AN Annulment  
•01:30 p.m. Martin v. Tribe - 09248GC Show Cause  
•01:45 p.m. Martin v. Tribe - 09248GC Show Cause  
•03:00 p.m. Onok.Marine v. Hunley - 09079GC Motion Hearing  
•04:00 p.m. Shoup, S. - 10266PF Review Hearing.



## December 24, 2010 to January 3, 2011

•HOLIDAY (COURT CLOSED)

\*Docket is subject to additions or deletions based on new filings.

### Approved 2010 Holiday Schedule

Tribal Government Offices

December 2010						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 No 1/2 day Per Ogema	24 Closed Full Day - Per Policy	25
26	27 Paid Full Day Per Ogema	28 Paid Full Day Per Ogema	29 Paid Full Day Per Ogema	30 Paid Full Day Per Ogema	31 Closed Full Day - Per Policy	

January 2011						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8

Holiday Schedule per Tribal Ogema



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From L.R.B.O.I.

**Elders January Meeting! The January meeting will be held on January 8th due to the holiday**

## Tips For Healthy Holiday Eating.

- Don't go to a party hungry: we often eat faster and more when we are hungry - therefore eat a wholesome breakfast and lunch on the day to avoid overeating at the party.
- Watch your portion: treat yourself to a nice drink, dessert, chocolate or sweets without guilt, but always watch your portion. Go for small portions. This way you can sample all the different foods. Moderation is always the key.

- Make a conscious choice to limit high fat items: high fat food items can be found in fried food, cream-based soup, cheese-filled casseroles, pies, **processed meats** such as salami and sausages, some pastries and baked goods.

Meals served at Noon at no charge to Elders who have completed the Intake Form and their Spouse or Handicap / Disabled individuals who reside with Elder.

All other guests are welcome to join Elder for a nominal charge not to exceed \$5.00. Provided all eligible Elders have been served first.

Donations are appreciated and are used for program activities and food. Volunteers receive a free meal for helping with meals.

Please contact Noelle Cross with any questions

Phone: 231-398-6886 E-mail: [ncross@lrboi.com](mailto:ncross@lrboi.com)

Volunteers are needed to help with meals, if interested please contact Noelle.

Menu subject to change without notice

Meals meet 33 1/3 % of the RDI based on a 1600 to 2000 calorie diet

## Aki Community Center Elder Meal Program Menu



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Grill Cheese Tomato Soup Celery Sticks Pudding Activity: Wii Bowling	2	3 Chic Taco let & tom Refried Beans Cucumber Salad Sherbet	4
5	6 Goulash Cauliflower Fresh fruit	7	8 Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Corn Choco Moose Activity: Wii Bowling	9	10 Smothered Chicken Rice Broccoli Tropical Fruit	11
12	13 Spaghetti Carrots Bread Sticks Sugar Free Pie	14	15 Tuna Melt Chicken Soup Green Beans Figlician Good Cake Activity: Wii Bowling		17 Pot Roast Red Potato Carrots Apricot Crumble	18
19	20 Potato Soup Wrap Peas Orange Pineapple	21	22 Turkey Mashed Potatoes Corn Sweet Potato Pie Activity: Wii Bowling	23	24 Closed	25 
26	27 Closed	28	29 Closed	30 		

## Elders Meeting:

First  
Saturday of  
every month



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If you have any specific questions, ideas or comments regarding this information, please address them to:  
The Office of Public Affairs, LRBOI, 375 River Street, Manistee, MI. 49660. 231-398-6840.

Or send them direct to [currentscomments@lrboi.com](mailto:currentscomments@lrboi.com).

Your comments will be forwarded to the right person at the tribal government within 24 hours.



*Gaá Čhíng Zíibi Daáwaá Aníshinaábe*

**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS  
ELECTION BOARD**

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**Certified Slate of Candidates for Primary for  
2011 Regular Election**

Office of Tribal Council – At-Large

Loretta J. Beccaria  
Cindy Champagne

Kimberly M. Alexander  
Shannon Paul Crampton

Office of Tribal Council – 9-County

Jeff Battice  
Gary Paul DiPiazza  
Rita Annette Gale  
Karen Love  
Patricia "Pat" Ruiter  
Peggy J. Vriesman

Michael J. Ceplina  
Jamie L. Friedel  
Sandy Mezeske  
Joseph Riley, Sr.  
Edward Tyler  
Bob J. Whiteloon

**Certified Slate of Candidates for 2011 General Election**

Office of Tribal Ogema

Larry "Little Thunder" Romanelli  
Janine M. Sam





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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS**

*ELECTION BOARD*

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**Announcement of General Election**

Date of Election: April 29, 2011

Offices to be Elected: Office of Tribal Ogema

Office of Tribal Council – Nine County District (three seats)

Office of Tribal Council – At-Large District (one seat)

Office of Election Board (two seats)

Office of Appellate Court Judge (one seat)

Procedures for Establishing Candidacy

*For Candidates for the Office of Tribal Ogema* – To run for the Office of Tribal Ogema, a Tribal member must obtain, complete, and submit a Declaration of Candidacy packet during the period listed in the Election Calendar, below.

*For Candidates for the Office of Tribal Council – Nine County District and At-Large District* – To run for the Office of Tribal Council in the Nine County District or the At-Large District, a Tribal member must obtain, complete, and submit a Declaration of Candidacy packet during the period listed in the Election Calendar, below.

*For Candidates for the Office of Election Board --* To run for the Election Board, a Tribal member must obtain, complete, and submit a Declaration of Candidacy packet during the period listed in the Election Calendar, below.

*For Candidates for the Office of Appellate Court Judge --* To run for the Office of Tribal Appellate Court Judge, a prospective candidate must obtain, complete, and submit a Declaration of Candidacy packet during the period listed in the Election Calendar, below.

Election Calendar

Declaration of Candidacy Packets available.....	November 1
Declaration of Candidacy Packets due.....	December 3
Slate of Candidates certified.....	December 10
Last day to withdraw candidacy.....	December 17
Ballots mailed out for Primary.....	January 10
Ballots due and Primary Election Day.....	February 11
Deadline for Primary Election Challenges.....	February 18
Ballots mailed.....	March 28
Ballots due and Election Day.....	April 29
Deadline for petitions for recount.....	May 6
Deadline for election challenges.....	May 6

The Primary Election will be conducted by secret mail ballot. The homes of registered voters shall be designated as polls for voting purposes. You must be a registered voter with current mailing information on file with the Enrollment Department to receive a ballot. The ballot counting will be held at the Little River Community Center on U.S. 31 in Manistee, MI. Ballot counting process begins at 12:00 pm.

The General Election will be conducted by secret mail ballot and a central polling place. The homes of registered voters shall be designated as polls for voting purposes. You must be a registered voter with current mailing information on file with the Enrollment Department to receive a ballot. The central polling place will be located at the Little River Community Center on U.S. 31 in Manistee, MI. The hours for the polling place will be 10 am until 6 pm on April 29, 2011.

A copy of the Election Board Office Hours from November 1, 2010 through December 3, 2010 has been included in this mailing.

**Please note:** In accordance with the Election Board Regulations chapter 2, section 1(d): "If Voter Registration Form is not received by the Election Board 56 calendar days before an election, the eligible voter will not be registered to vote in that election."

Deadline for voter registration applications to be in to the Election Board are:

**December 17, 2010 for the Primary Election (if necessary); and**

**March 4, 2011 for the Regular Election.**

The Election Board is not responsible for the failure of an eligible voter to complete the registration requirements by the prescribed deadlines.



## Election Board Office Hours Nov./Dec. 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 1 pm to 5 pm	2 10 am to 2 pm	3 10 am to 2 pm Muskegon Office	4 2:30 pm to 6:30 pm Muskegon Office 1 pm to 5 pm Manistee	5 1 pm to 5 pm	6
7	8 10 am to 2 pm	9 10 am to 2 pm Muskegon Office  1 pm to 5 pm Manistee	10 11 am to 3 pm	11  <b>Closed for Veteran's Day</b>	12 10 am to 2 pm	13
14	15 10 am to 2 pm	16 10 am to 2 pm Muskegon Office	17 12 pm to 3:30 pm	18 2:30 pm to 6:30 pm Muskegon Office	19 11 am to 3 pm	20
21	22 12 pm to 4 pm	23 1 pm to 5 pm	24 <b>Closed</b>	25 <b>for</b>	26 <b>Thanksgiving</b>	27
28	29 10 am to 2 pm Muskegon Office  11 am to 3 pm Manistee	30 1 pm to 5 pm Muskegon Office	Dec. 1 1 pm to 5 pm	2 2:30 pm to 6:30 pm Muskegon Office  11 am to 3 pm Manistee	3 10 am to 5 pm	4

**The Election Board Office is located in the Old Community Center on South US 31 in Manistee.**